

I believe that Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force its stations to air "Stolen Honor" is highly partisan and a clear attempt to sway the opinions of its viewers in a critical time before federal, state and local elections. If the broadcasting giant were to air a pro-Kerry documentary during prime time to go along with the anti-Kerry documentary, I would not be opposed as long as both programs were given equal air time. When one major broadcasting company declares that all of its stations must air a partisan documentary during a hotly contested election without giving equal time to the opposition, the rights of the American people to unbiased media reporting are violated. Sinclair Broadcasting is undermining the very core of our democracy by exposing its viewers to such a biased view of only one of the presidential candidates.

We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them; we cannot allow the degree of media consolidation that is currently rampant in our system. Thank you.